" (*d*) No weekly holidays are given. One day off in a fortnight is given in the General Hospital.

" (*e*) Representations have been received in the case of the Madras Government General Hospital staff. No representations have been received from the staff in the other three institutions."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Cannot the same system obtain in all hospitals whether it is Tuberculosis Hospital, or a General Hospital? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is some difference between the hospitals."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know whether any extra allowance is paid for night duties? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No extra wage is paid, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" What is to be done by patients, who want night attendance? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" When they are required they are called, otherwise the nurses or nursing orderlies will attend on them."

Supply of a list of named persons to Mercantile firms.

* 67 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Commissioner of Police received in 1947–48 any request from Mercantile firms in Madras City, to investigate, the character of named persons;

(*b*) if so, (i) the number of such requests in 1947–48, (ii) the names of the firms which made the requests and (iii) the number of such cases investigated by the City Police in 1947–48;

(*c*) (i) whether the result of the investigations were communicated to the Mercantile firms and (ii) whether the Mercantile firms used the result of the Police investigation, for selecting candidates for employment in the service of the firms;

(*d*) how long the Police have been doing this service for the firms; and

(*e*) whether the Commissioner of Police charged any fee for the service rendered?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) (i) One.

(ii) Messrs. Uberoi, Limited.

(iii) The reference from the firm was returned in original for want of full address of the person named and consequently no investigation was made.

" (*c*) to (*e*) Do not arise."